

8. (Amended) A control rod according to [any of claims 1-5] claim 1, **characterized** in that the absorber blades (6, 7, 8, 9) comprise a plurality of channels (22, 23, 24), arranged axially in relation to the control rod, in which the absorber material is arranged, whereby at least the majority of the channels (22) are arranged radially outside one or more channels (23, 24) which are arranged nearest the cruciform centre (10).

11. (Amended) A control rod according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, **characterized** in that the absorber material consists of boron and/or hafnium.

12. (Amended) A control rod according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, **characterized** in that the absorber material consists of boron carbide and/or hafnium metal.

#### Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims to eliminate multiple dependencies.

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